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1. EMBASSY EXTREMELY PLEASED AT PROSPECT OF CODEL ALBERT VISIT AND EXPECTS FULL COOPERATION FROM ROMANIAN SIDE IN PLANNING USEFUL AND SUBSTANTIVE VISIT. WE ASSUME THAT IN OUR APPROACH TO ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES WE MAY CITE CODEL VISIT AS RESPONSE TO ORIGINAL ROMANIAN INVITATION ADDRESSED TO SPEAKER ALBERT (REFAIR). IF NO FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROMANIAN INVITATION HAS YET BEEN SENT IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT, I WOULD PREFER THAT IT FIRST COME TO EMBASSY SO THAT I MAY PERSONALLY DELIVER IT TO GNA PRESIDENT GIOSAN. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY REACTION TO GOOD PROGRAMMING IDEAS CONTAINED REFTEL C I S HOPE THAT IF CODEL WILLING WE MIGHT ARRANGE FOR GROUP, OR MORE PRECISELY INDIVIDUAL SMALLER GROUPS OF 4-5 CODEL MEMBERS PLUS WIVES, TO VISIT BIT MORE OF COUNTRY THAN IS FORESEEN IN DRAFT SCHEDULE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT, DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL WISHES AND ENERGY, ONE GROUP TRAVEL TO SIBIU-CLUJ AREA FOR LOOK WB TRANSYLVANIA WIHT ITS MYRIAD OF MINORITIES AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERY, ANOTHER TO CON-CONSTANTA AND THE COAST, RICH IN SUN AND ARCHEOLOGICAL TREASURES, A THIRD TO MOLDOVA WITH ITS FIRS AND PAINTED MEDIEVAL CHURCHES, AND POSSIBLY A FOURTH TO SCENIC BRASOV/AND SINAIA IN THE

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CARPATHIANS. EACH ALTERNATIVE WOULD FEATURE A MAJOR PROVIN-
CIAL CAPITAL, TOGETHER WITH EXCELLENT TOURISTIC OPPORTUNITIES,

AS WELL AS A CHANCE TO MEET HIGH-RANKING PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS
AND SEE AT LEAST SOME INDUSTRY, IF DESIRED.

3. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO FAN OUT INDIVIDUAL CODEL MEMBERS
THROUGH WIDER VARIETY OF TOP RCP LEADERSHIP, ACCORDING TO
THEIR INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE INTERESTS, AS WAS SUCCESSFULLY
DONE DURING IPU (1974) MEETING, THEREBY DEEPENING U.S. DIALOGUE
AND CONTACT WITH GOR'S KEY PERSONALITIES. IN THIS REGARD WE
WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFO (I.E., OUTSIDE OF
THAT IN CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY) AVAILABLE ON SUBJECTS OF
SPECIFIC OR UNUSUAL INTEREST TO CODEL MEMBERS AT PRESENT.

4. WE ANTICIPATE SOME HAGGLING OVER ROLE AND OBLIGATIONS OF
HOST AND INSTRUCTION CONTAINED PARA 3 REF C. ROMANIANS ARE
LIKELY TO WANT TO COVER AT LEAST PART OF CODEL EXPENSES, NOT
ONLY BECAUSE OF THEIR TRADITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS HOST
(ALWAYS GRACIOUSLY OVERFULFILLED), BUT ALSO IN ORDER ESTAB-
LISH BASIS OF RECIPROCITY FOR ANY FURTHER EXCHANGES IN FUTURE.
AS DISCUSSED WITH KEMPTON JENKINS, HOWEVER, DURING MY RECENT
VISIT TO WASHINGTON, I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT AT THE
BEGINNING WE TRY TO ESTABLISH THE SORT OF
ARRANGEMENTS THAT BEST FIT CONGRESSIONAL ABILITIES TO PLAY
HOST IN RETURN. THIS POINT COULD BE COVERED IN THE SPEAKER'S
REPLY TO GIOSAN.

5. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FURTHER AND MORE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS
FOR CODEL PROGRAM FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH ROMANIANS,
ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO MEET JULY 3 RESPONSE, GIVEN
ROMANIAN PROPENSITY FOR DELAY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. BEFORE CONSULTING WITH ROMANIANS WE
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN HAND CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE FORMAL
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROMANIAN INVITATION FOR DELIVERY TO
GIOSAN; DELEGATION LIST, TOGETHER WITH SUBJECT AREAS OF
INTEREST TO CODEL MEMBERS; AND REACTION OF CODEL TO POSSIBILITY
OF THEIR BEING SPLIT UP FOR TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT AREAS OF
COUNTRY. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL
ITINERARY OF CODEL, IF DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL, CITED REF B.
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